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6. (Amended) A method of construction of an elevated annular platform as claimed in claim 2 [or claim 3] wherein an end plate is secured to each of the ends of the side support means, and which end plate is secured to the respective inner or outer edging.

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12. (Amended) A method of construction of an elevated annular platform as claimed in [either claim 7 or claim 10] claim 7 wherein each panel is made from a material selected from: concrete, concrete [fibre] fiber; other rigid fibrous material, and a combination thereof.

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24. (Amended) [An] The annular elevated platform constructed by the method of claim [7] 23, wherein each side support means includes:

a section of flat bar which, in length, is less than or equal to the width of the platform, each bar being positioned on one radial side of the bail section;

a shear connector plate which is positioned in a vertical orientation along the one radial side of the bail section and connected to the respective bar;

a panel support bar which is positioned along the one radial side below the shear connector plate and, in cross-section, extending either side of the shear connector plate.

25. (Amended) [An] The annular elevated platform constructed by the method of claim [22] 24, wherein after the step of constructing the foundation, said method